IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

DAVITA M. KEY,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No. 2:19-CV-767-ECM
HYUNDAI MOTOR MANUFACTURING, ALABAMA, LLC; HYUNDAI ENG AMERICA, INC.; and DYNAMIC SECURITY, INC.))))
Defendants.))

PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS LIST

Exhibit D – Deposition of Hyundai ENG America's 30(b)(6) Deponent (Cassandra Williams)

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WILL	IAMS, CASSANDRA	9/6/22	VOL 1
1	007:19 - 007:21	007:19	CASSANDRA WILLIAMS,
		20	being first duly sworn, was examined
		21	and testified as follows:
2	008:03 - 008:05	008:03	Q. Will you please state your full legal name
		04	for the record.
		05	A. Cassandra Williams.
3	014:06 - 014:23	014:06	What does HEA, Hyundai Engineering
		07	America, do? What's its what's the company's
		08	purpose?
		09	A. I think in the beginning, based on what
		10	I've been told, it was a maybe a construction
		11	company. And then it branched out, providing
		12	different services.
		13	Q. What services does HEA provide?
		14	A. At HMMA?
		15	Q. Sure.
		16	A. Okay. At HMMA they provide or they
		17	manage the security contract, the janitorial
		18	contracts, landscaping contract, and some of the
		19	general construction contracts.
		20	Q. Outside of what it does at HMMA, what does
		21	HEA do? What services does it provide?
		22	A. I'm only familiar with some of the
		23	services it provides at the Kia facility.
4	015:01 - 015:16	015:01	Q. Okay. And what services does HEA provide
		02	at the Kia facility?
		03	A. Facilities maintenance and, if I'm not
		04	mistaken, janitorial.
		05	Q. Where does HEA have locations?
		06	A. In West Point, Georgia. And our corporate
		07	office in the United States is in Irvine,
		08	California. And, of course, Montgomery, Alabama.
		09	Q. What is the address for the HEA location
		10	in Montgomery, Alabama?
		11	A. We operate out of 700 Hyundai Boulevard,
		12	Montgomery, Alabama.

		13	Q. Does HEA operate out of the HMMA campus?
		14	A. Yes. That's at 700 Hyundai Boulevard.
		15	Q. Who owns the building in which HEA does
		16	its Alabama operations?
5	015:20 - 015:20	015:20	A. HMMA.
6	016:17 - 016:23	016:17	Q. How many employees does HEA have?
		18	A. At HMMA?
		19	Q. First of all, company-wide.
		20	A. I don't know.
		21	Q. How many employees does HEA have in
		22	Alabama?
		23	A. In the group that I am assigned to, five.
7	017:01 - 017:23	017:01	Q. What group are you assigned to?
		02	A. I don't I'm sorry. Facilities
		03	management.
		04	Q. Who are the five people in your facilities
		05	management group?
		06	A. My project manager, and I'm probably about
		07	to murder his first name. But I'll rather than
		08	say it, I'll spell his first name. K-i, middle
		09	name Sung, S-u-n-g, last name Kim, K-i-m.
		10	Q. All right. And what is Mr. Kim's and
		11	you said he's the facilities manager?
		12	A. He's the project manager.
		13	Q. Okay.
		14	A. And I have three other counterparts:
		15	Robert Madison and Yoomi, Y-o-o-m-i, Kim, and
		16	Sang, S-a-n-g B-e-o-m Lee.
		17	Q. All right. And what are Mr. Madison,
		18	Mr. Kim, and Mr. Lee's job titles?
		19	A. Madison he manages the landscaping
		20	contract. Yoomi Lea I'm sorry Yoomi Kim
		21	Q. Yes.
		22	A. She manages janitorial.
		23	Q. And Mr. Lee?
8	018:01 - 018:07	018:01	A. General construction.
		02	Q. The people that you've identified so
		03	far Mr. Kim, Ms. Kim, Mr. Madison, and
		04	Mr. Lee where do they keep an office?
		05	A. It's on Hyundai's HMMA's campus in the
		06	facilities engineering building also referred to
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		07	as central energy building.
9	018:13 - 018:23	018:13	Q. All right. I'm going to show you what I'm
9	018.13 - 018.23	14	marking as Exhibit 62 to your deposition, which is
		15	Bates number HEA 167.
		16	Have you seen Plaintiff's Exhibit 62
		17	before?
		18	A. I have.
		19	Q. What is this document?
		20	A. It's our org chart for HEA.
		21	Q. Okay. At the top where it says "HEA AL FM
		22	Organization (July 2017)," what does does the
		23	"AL" stand for Alabama?
10	019:01 - 019:20	019:01	A. Yes.
		02	Q. And is "FM" facilities maintenance?
		03	A. Yes.
		04	Q. And is this what the organization was in
		05	July of 2017?
		06	A. I can only speak for security. I have
		07	as far as the head count or the
		08	Q. I'm just saying the way things are
		09	organized, not necessarily the numbers of
		10	employees.
		11	But looking at this organization, does
		12	Plaintiff's Exhibit 62 accurately reflect the way
		13	the HEA Alabama facility management group was
		14	organized in July of 2017?
		15	A. I can't be sure of the janitorial and
		16	landscape because there was a person with HEA that
		17	was assigned that was managing both those
		18	positions at the time because of manpower
		19	shortage, but I can't be sure when he left the
		20	company.
11	020:13 - 020:23	020:13	Q. Looking at the number of subcontractors
		14	that are reflected on this document, we see for
		15	the security contract it says "Manpower: 55."
		16	What does it mean, "manpower"?
		17	A. That was the allotted manpower for
		18	security at HMMA.
		19	Q. Who made the decision that that was the
		20	allotted manpower?
		21	A. HMMA general affairs department.
		22	Q. Okay. And where it says three shifts,

		23	what does that mean?
12	021:01 - 021:06	021:01	A. That manpower is spread over three shifts.
		02	Q. What are the hours for the shifts?
		03	A. For securities?
		04	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		05	A. Just for security, as far as manning
		06	post
13	021:13 - 021:23	021:13	A. Well and because there are different
		14	job responsibilities, the time may differ.
		15	Q. Well, on the organizational chart, where
		16	it says "three shifts," what does that mean?
		17	A. Three security posting shifts.
		18	Q. Okay. And what are those shifts?
		19	A. 0545 to 1345. That excludes their
		20	30 minutes briefing time. That's first shift.
		21	Second shift is 1345 to 2145. That also
		22	excludes their briefing time.
		23	Third shift, 2145 to 0545, excluding their
14	022:01 - 022:22	022:01	30 minutes briefing time.
		02	Q. Where do the shift hours come from?
		03	A. They were
		04	Q. Who sets those?
		05	A. They were established by HMMA.
		06	Q. To whom does the project manager report?
		07	A. To the general affairs HOD and coordinator
		08	and perhaps even the president and others.
		09	Q. What does "HOD" stand for?
		10	A. Head of department.
		11	Q. Where does the general affairs and HOD
		12	keep an office?
		13	A. The administrative building.
		14	Q. Is that is the general affairs and
		15	HOD is that an HEA person, or is that an HMMA
		16	person?
		17	A. HMMA.
		18	Q. And when you said that the project manager
		19	reports not only to the general affairs and HOD
		20	but the president and others, the president of
		21	what?
		22	A. HMMA.
15	023:18 - 023:20	023:18	Q. Do you keep a list of who is working on
		19	the security subcontract?

		20	A. It's in HMMA's badge database.
16	024:02 - 024:04	024:02	Q. And what information is kept in the HMMA
		03	badge database concerning the security
		04	subcontractors?
17	024:06 - 024:10	024:06	A. Their name, date of birth, driver's
		07	license information.
		08	Q. Do you know on those badges if it
		09	identifies the employer for the subcontractor?
		10	A. It does.
18	024:12 - 024:15	024:12	Q. What does it say?
		13	A. For security it says "security."
		14	Q. How about for mail room?
		15	A. It says "security."
19	029:06 - 029:20	029:06	Q. What policy or policies does HEA have that
		07	relate to employment discrimination?
		08	A. I don't know.
		09	Q. Have you received any training from HEA
		10	about avoiding employment discrimination in your
		11	actions or decisions?
		12	A. I have not.
		13	Q. Is there a designated person for HEA to
		14	receive complaints of discrimination or
		15	harassment?
		16	A. As related to security? O. Sure.
		17 18	A. I don't know whether it would be directed
		19	to me, my project manager, or our California
		20	office.
20	031:04 - 031:12	031:04	Q. Do you know who at HEA is designated to
20	031.01 031.12	05	receive EEOC charges or charges of discrimination?
		06	A. I don't.
		07	Q. Does HEA have any type of discriminatory
		08	policy?
		09	A. Only in our handbook.
		10	Q. And what forms of discipline does it
		11	permit?
		12	A. At this point I honestly can't say.
21	031:16 - 031:23	031:16	Q. Can you make any decisions relating to
		17	hiring or firing?
		18	A. HEA employees?
		19	Q. For anyone.

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		20	A. Not firing, no.
		21	Q. What about hiring?
		22	A. I can only make recommendations.
		23	Q. To whom?
22	032:01 - 032:16	032:01	A. The security company.
		02	Q. What type of recommendations can you make?
		03	A. If they bring an applicant's information
		04	or application package to me, I can, once I
		05	receive it, decide whether or not their
		06	qualification meets our criteria and state whether
		07	or not we would like to move forward with them.
		08	It's just like I said, it's just a
		09	recommendation. They can do whatever they want to
		10	do, but I voice my opinion.
		11	Q. And you would voice your opinion to the
		12	security company providing the labor; correct?
		13	A. Their if they have one, their account
		14	manager.
		15	Q. Okay. Who was the account manager for
		16	Dynamic Security in 2018?
23	032:18 - 032:23	032:18	Q. 2017. I'm sorry.
		19	A. At what point?
		20	Q. At any point.
		21	Was there more than one?
		22	A. I think so.
		23	Q. Okay. Who are the ones you're thinking
24	033:01 - 033:05	033:01	of?
	033.01 033.03	02	A. B.J. McCullough, Neal McMann, Gloria
		03	Robinson, and Malinda Williams.
		04	Q. Do you know why Ms. Robinson is no longer
		05	an account manager at HMMA?
25	033:08 - 033:23	033:08	A. She was relocated I'm sorry.
23	033:06 - 033:23	033:08	Q. It's okay.
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		10	A. She requested to step down from that
		11	position.
		12	Q. What do you know about that? A. She told her manager and I don't know
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		14	what his position was that she wanted to step
		15	down, and she recommended someone else to take her
		16	position.
		17	Q. How did you come to have this knowledge?
		18	A. She told me as well as her

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		19	then-supervisor.
		20	Q. Did Ms. Robinson tell you why she was
		21	requesting to step down?
		22	A. She said she was getting burned out.
		23	Q. How long had she been there?
26	034:01 - 034:10	034:01	A. At HMMA?
		02	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		03	A. Maybe 2007. I'm not sure.
		04	Q. And did she tell you why she was being
		05	burned out or what was causing her to be burned
		06	out?
		07	A. She did not.
		08	Q. Did you have the ability or the power to
		09	request that somebody from Dynamic Security's work
		10	assignment at HMMA be terminated?
27	034:13 - 034:22	034:13	A. Their work assignment, yes, at HMMA.
		14	Q. Tell me about that, that authority that
		15	you had. What was your ability?
		16	A. If, for whatever reason, the person's
		17	service was not up to par or if they violated a
		18	policy, which includes criminal or just a basic
		19	policy, I could request that they be reassigned.
		20	Q. Could anyone at HMMA request that the
		21	services of one of the Dynamic Security employees
		22	be terminated or that they be reassigned?
28	035:01 - 035:03	035:01	Q. In other words, could HMMA say, "Hey, I
		02	want this person removed from working on our
		03	property"?
29	035:05 - 035:10	035:05	A. Directly to me or to the security company?
		06	Q. Either.
		07	A. Not to the security company, no.
		08	Q. Could they make that could HMMA request
		09	to you that somebody from Dynamic Security no
		10	longer be assigned to work on the HMMA property?
30	035:13 - 035:13	035:13	A. They could if they chose to.
31	035:18 - 035:23	035:18	Q. You said that one of the reasons that you
		19	could request somebody's services at HMMA be ended
		20	or they be reassigned would be violation of
		21	policy.
		22	Whose policies?
		23	A. HMMA's policies.

32	036:01 - 036:02	036:01	Q. What HMMA policies applied to people
		02	placed on the property through Dynamic Security?
33	036:04 - 036:06	036:04	A. Repeat.
		05	Q. Sure. What policies applied to the
		06	Dynamic Security placements?
34	036:09 - 036:23	036:09	A. (No response.)
		10	Q. What policies are you talking about? You
		11	said
		12	A. Violation I mean, which it it will
		13	not just include securities but any contractor
		14	violates. So are you asking me what policies they
		15	could
		16	Q. Yes.
		17	A be removed on?
		18	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		19	A. Which is some that come to mind:
		20	violating their badge policy, their workplace
		21	violence policy, their sexual harassment policy,
		22	criminal activity, drug screen violation policy,
		23	weapons policy, alcohol policy. And all three of
35	037:01 - 037:05	037:01	those those last three are one they work
		02	together. Those are the only things ones
		03	major ones I can think of right now.
		04	Q. How are the people working on the security
		05	contract made aware of these HMMA's policies?
36	037:07 - 037:12	037:07	A. They are provided to me, and I communicate
		08	them to their supervisors, and their supervisors
		09	will communicate it to them.
		10	Q. Would it be fair to say, then, that the
		11	employees working under the security contract are
		12	subject to the HMMA policies?
37	037:15 - 037:15	037:15	A. They are.
38	038:01 - 038:23	038:01	Q. I'm marking as Plaintiff's Exhibit 63
		02	HEA 163 through 166, which is a document that says
		03	"Hyundai Eng America, Inc., Appearance Standards
		04	For Security Contractors." I'm also going to show
		05	you what's been previously marked as Plaintiff's
		06	Exhibit 9, which is HEA 1 through 3, Appearance
		07	Standards for Security Personnel."
		08	Have you seen these two exhibits before?
		09	A. I have.
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		10	Q. Looking at Plaintiff's Exhibit 63, we see
		11	at the bottom left corner there's some page
		12	numbers. There's like one, two, three, and four.
		13	What does this reference? Where did this
		14	come from?
		15	A. The document?
		16	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		17	A. I drafted it.
		18	Q. When did you draft Plaintiff's Exhibit 63?
		19	A. I I don't remember. I may I I
		20	don't remember. It's just modifications of
		21	Exhibit 9.
		22	Q. Okay. So Exhibit 9 would be the in
		23	terms of time, Exhibit 9 predated Exhibit 63?
39	039:01 - 039:22	039:01	A. It did.
		02	Q. Do you know when Plaintiff's Exhibit 63
		03	would have replaced Plaintiff's Exhibit 9?
		04	A. A date? No, I don't.
		05	Q. Which of these two exhibits, if any, apply
		06	to Davita Key?
		07	A. Both.
		08	Q. Were both of these in place at the same
		09	time?
		10	A. They were not.
		11	Q. Which of these two documents was in place
		12	during Ms. Key's employment?
		13	A. Exhibit 9.
		14	Q. Okay. What is the purpose of Exhibit 9?
		15	A. It's an appearance standards guideline
		16	that the security personnel are to follow.
		17	Q. Who set these as the appearance standards?
		18	A. Initially or this particular document?
		19	Q. Initially.
		20	A. So the bulk of the content of this
		21	document was taken from an HMMA policy that was in
		22	place when I was hired on at HMMA.
40	040:03 - 040:21	040:03	What is your job at HEA? I think we've
		04	covered it through the organizational chart, but
		05	so we've got a clean area of your transcript to
		06	cite to, what's your job?
		07	A. I'm a manager in facilities management
		08	department overseeing the security contract.

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		09	Q. And what are your dates of employment with
		10	HEA?
		11	A. September 1, 2010, to current.
		12	Q. And have you held the same job that entire
		13	time?
		14	A. With HEA?
		15	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		16	A. Yes.
		17	Q. So when you say the bulk of the content of
		18	Exhibit 9 was taken from an HMMA policy, when you
		19	started, that would have been a policy that was in
		20	place in 2010?
		21	A. It was.
41	041:01 - 041:06	041:01	Q. You go on.
		02	A. 2010 was not my first day of in
		03	September was not my first day of employment at
		04	HMMA.
		05	Q. When was your first day of employment at
		06	HMMA?
42	041:20 - 041:23	041:20	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) When you said
		21	September 1, 2010, was not your first date of
		22	employment, what did you mean?
		23	A. With HEA.
43	042:01 - 042:22	042:01	Q. Okay. What was your first date of
		02	employment with HEA?
		03	A. It was May, and I don't know the exact
		04	date, of 2004.
		05	Q. Okay. So from 2004 to 2010, what did you
		06	do for HEA?
		07	A. I wasn't working for HEA at that time.
		08	Q. Who were you working for from 2004 to
		09	2010?
		10	A. 2004 to December 2006, I was working for
		11	DTA, known as Don Terry and Associates, Security.
		12	And from December 2006 until August 31, 2010, I
		13	was working for American Citadel Guard security.
		14	Q. Okay. So when did you first start
		15	performing work on HMMA campus?
		16	A. May 2004.
		17	Q. Okay. So when you say that the
		18	"Appearance Standards for Security Personnel"
		19	document was taken the bulk of the content was
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		20	taken from an HMMA policy when you started working
		21	out there, the policy you're referring to, when
		22	was it in place, the HMMA policy?
44	043:01 - 043:08	043:01	A. It was in place when I started.
		02	Q. And that's where I'm trying to go.
		03	Are you saying when you started at the
		04	HMMA facility in 2004? When you started at one of
		05	those subsequent employers between 2004 and 2010?
		06	Are you talking about in 2010 with HEA?
		07	A. I started at HMMA in May 2004 with DTA,
		08	and it was in place at that time.
45	044:03 - 044:05	044:03	Q. Who made the decision that the "Appearance
		04	Standards for Security Personnel" would say that
		05	dreads or dreadlock hair style are prohibited?
46	044:07 - 044:14	044:07	A. Although HMMA's policy didn't specifically
		08	say dreads or dreadlocks, braids was noted, and
		09	the dreads were in the braids family. That's the
		10	way we interpreted it.
		11	Q. Okay. Did anyone from HMMA review the
		12	"Appearance Standards for Security Personnel" to
		13	ensure that it was consistent with what they
		14	wanted?
47	044:18 - 044:18	044:18	A. Not with me.
48	045:05 - 045:16	045:05	Q. Why are dreads or dreadlocks prohibited
		06	under Exhibit 9?
		07	A. My document?
		08	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		09	A. Keeping with HMMA's policy, I decided to
		10	continue it because for grooming and professional
		11	appearance, I didn't think they met those
		12	guidelines.
		13	Q. So based on your understanding of HMMA's
		14	policies, you felt that dreads or dreadlocks hair
		15	styles would be prohibited for people who would be
		16	in a visible uniformed position?
49	045:19 - 045:23	045:19	A. Every security person, regardless of
		20	position, are in a uniform.
		21	Q. But you felt the prohibition of dreads or
		22	dreadlocks was consistent or what was required
		23	under the HMMA policy?
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50	046:04 - 046:04	046:04	A. Yes.
51	046:17 - 046:23	046:17	Q. Sure. Was anybody permitted to work under
		18	the security contract with dreads or dreadlocks?
		19	A. At what point?
		20	Q. At any point.
		21	A. Not prior to 2017.
		22	Q. After 2017 has anyone with dreads or
		23	dreadlocks been permitted to work under the
52	047:01 - 047:23	047:01	security contract?
		02	A. Yes.
		03	Q. Who would that be?
		04	A. One young lady. Her last name was Howard.
		05	I don't remember. But I wasn't a part of her
		06	hiring so
		07	Another young lady. Her last name was
		08	Walton, I believe. She was allowed to wear dreads
		09	as long as they were styled in a different manner.
		10	Q. When was Ms. Walton permitted to wear
		11	dreads as long as they were styled in a certain
		12	manner?
		13	A. I believe she started maybe late 2017.
		14	Q. Why was she permitted to wear dreads?
		15	A. Because she agreed to style them in a
		16	different manner.
		17	Q. Who made the decision to allow her to wear
		18	dreads?
		19	A. Myself and I don't know I don't
		20	remember at the time whether it was Gloria
		21	Robinson or Malinda Williams.
		22	Q. At the time the decision was made to
		23	permit Ms. Walton to wear her hair in dreads as
53	048:01 - 048:04	048:01	long as they were styled in a certain manner, were
		02	you aware that Davita Key had made a complaint
		03	that she felt she was being discriminated against?
		04	A. I can't say because
54	048:07 - 048:16	048:07	A. I can't say because I don't remember when
		08	Ms. Walton came to work there.
		09	Q. And we're going to go through some
		10	documents specific to Ms. Key in a little bit.
		11	But one of the things that we're going to see
		12	through those documents is basically upon her last
		13	day you know, on July 31, 2017 she was
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		14	complaining about you and about the hair policy.
		15	When did you first become aware of those
		16	internal complaints?
55	048:18 - 048:18	048:18	A. Her first day of work.
56	049:08 - 049:12	049:08	Q. If Ms. Walton started in late 2017 and
		09	Ms. Key started on July 31, 2017, and it's your
		10	testimony that you're aware of her complaints
		11	about the prohibition of dreadlocks being
		12	discriminatory
57	049:14 - 049:17	049:14	Q on her first day of employment, would
		15	it be fair, then, to say that you're aware of
		16	Ms. Key's complaint by the time Ms. Walton
		17	started?
58	049:19 - 049:23	049:19	A. I don't know when Ms. Walton started, so I
		20	can't say yes or no.
		21	Q. Well, your testimony earlier was she
		22	started in late 2017. If that's true, you would
		23	agree, then, you would have to have been aware of
59	050:01 - 050:02	050:01	Ms. Key's complaint by the time Ms. Walton
		02	started?
60	050:06 - 050:18	050:06	A. I know her okay. Her verbal complaint,
		07	yes. I'm aware of that, yes.
		08	Q. How did Ms. Walton agree to style her
		09	hair?
		10	A. To she agreed to pull it back. And I
		11	can't I'm trying to visualize, but I can't.
		12	But it was pulled back in a much neater
		13	appearance, and she agreed to maintain that
		14	appearance.
		15	Q. And you said "much neater appearance."
		16	Neater than what?
		17	A. Than what it was on the day that she
		18	interviewed.
61	052:01 - 052:03	052:01	Q. Was Ms. Key working on the HMMA campus
		02	through a contractual agreement between HEA and
		03	HMMA?
62	052:05 - 052:07	052:05	A. The agreement was with Dynamic Security.
		06	Q. What relationship, if any, exists between
		07	HMMA and HEA?
63	052:09 - 052:15	052:09	A. HEA is a subsidiary of HMMA.
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		10	Q. Okay. Do you know if there are any common
		11	owners among HMMA and HEA?
		12	A. I don't.
		13	Q. When you say "HEA is a subsidiary of
		14	HMMA," what does that mean?
		15	A. It's like an organization or
64	052:18 - 052:22	052:18	THE WITNESS: Corporation, organization of
		19	another or entity of another company maybe?
		20	I'm just thinking off the top of my head.
		21	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) Are there any common
		22	policies that HMMA and HEA have?
65	053:06 - 053:23	053:06	Q. Like, at HEA do you guys use or operate
		07	under any HMMA policies?
		08	A. The some of the same policies well,
		09	those same policies I repeated earlier in addition
		10	to others.
		11	Q. Okay. Can you think of any others beyond
		12	the ones you've already shared with me?
		13	A. Their PPE, which is personal protection.
		14	Parking policies. Badging policy. Those are
		15	the
		16	Q. Are you aware of any contracts between HEA
		17	and HMMA?
		18	A. Currently?
		19	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		20	A. Yes.
		21	Q. What contract or contracts exist between
		22	the companies?
		23	A. We have a security contract and janitorial
66	054:01 - 054:01	054:01	contract and landscaping.
67	054:17 - 054:23	054:17	Was there a contractual relationship in
		18	2017?
		19	A. No.
		20	Q. What relationship, if any, existed between
		21	HEA and HMMA in 2017? Like, I guess where I'm
		22	trying to go is if there wasn't a contract, why
		23	was HEA why were you out on the HMMA property
68	055:01 - 055:12	055:01	doing anything in 2017?
		02	A. There was a scope of service that we were
		03	operating under.
		04	Q. And what does that mean?
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06 to provide as far as security is concerned. I 07 don't know about that other. 08 Q. And what was that work? 09 A. Provide security services. 10 Q. And would you agree that the work that HEA 11 was providing in terms of providing security 12 services was for the benefit of HMMA? 69 055:15-055:19 055:15 A. Yes. 16 Q. And did HMMA, through that scope of 17 services agreement, empower you to act on its
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17 services agreement, empower you to act on its
18 behalf to make contracts to provide security
19 services on the HMMA property?
70 055:22 - 055:23 055:22 A. I would not say on their behalf. The
23 contract would have been between HEA and the
71 056:01 - 056:03 056:01 security vendor.
02 Q. And who was getting the benefit of the
03 security services?
72 056:06 - 056:09 056:06 A. The services are being provided at HMMA's
07 site.
08 Q. And who is deriving the benefit or
09 whose property is being secured?
73 056:11 - 056:17 056:11 A. HMMA's property.
12 Q. Ms. Key worked in a mail room capacity.
13 What scope of services agreement or
14 contract or whatever where did that fall, mail
15 room duties?
16 A. Under the scope of work in the for the
17 security.
74 057:03 - 057:23 057:03 Q. Were there any post orders applicable to
04 Ms. Key's employment?
05 A. There were.
06 Q. Who drafted those?
07 A. I transferred them from the information I
08 received from HMMA as far as how the mail room was
09 to be run.
10 Q. What information did you receive from HMMA
11 as to how the mail room was to be run?
12 A. Basically the hours the mail room was to
13 be open, when packages are to be delivered, mail
14 processed, that sort of thing. Distributed, that

		15	sort of thing.
		16	Q. All right. When you say you transferred
		17	that info from something that you'd received from
		18	HMMA, what did you do to transfer that info?
		19	A. So I was told "This is what is expected of
		20	the mail room officer." And I can't remember at
		21	this time if there was something given to me in
		22	writing, but I also remember meeting with someone
		23	and just making general notes.
75	058:01 - 058:09	058:01	Q. Who did you meet with?
		02	A. Gosh. At that time I can't remember
		03	because positions have changed.
		04	Q. Was it someone from HMMA?
		05	A. Yes.
		06	Q. And when you said that you were told "This
		07	is what is expected of the mail room officer," who
		08	told you what was expected?
		09	A. It was someone
76	058:11 - 058:18	058:11	A in general affairs, but I can't say at
		12	this late date who it was.
		13	Q. And that would have been an HMMA employee
		14	in general affairs?
		15	A. Yes.
		16	Q. And you were being told what HMMA's
		17	expectations were for the mail room officer
		18	position?
77	058:20 - 058:23	058:20	A. Basically, yes.
		21	Q. Okay.
		22	A. We were following the same guidelines that
		23	HMMA's mail room person did.
78	059:14 - 059:18	059:14	What is Plaintiff's Exhibit 20?
		15	A. So this is a duties and responsibilities
		16	that was used when or then-Dynamic Security
		17	and any prior previous companies are hiring to
		18	fill that position.
79	060:02 - 060:14	060:02	Q. Okay. What role, if any, did you have in
		03	creating Plaintiff's Exhibit 20?
		04	A. I created it.
		05	Q. Okay. And what did you use to create
		06	Exhibit 20?
		07	A. Information from the scope and also

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		08	information provided to me from whomever with HMMA
		09	discussed with me about the responsibilities of
		10	the person in the mail room.
		11	Q. All right. And when you said "information
		12	from the scope," are you referencing the scope of
		13	services agreement?
		14	A. I am.
80	061:14 - 061:21	061:14	Q. Where is the mail room?
		15	A. It's in the administrative building on the
		16	first floor at HMMA.
		17	Q. What else is in the administrative
		18	building?
		19	A. A ton of other offices.
		20	Q. Is that where most of the HMMA executives
		21	keep an office?
81	061:23 - 061:23	061:23	A. Quite a few do, but there are other
82	062:01 - 062:06	062:01	offices elsewhere.
		02	Q. And what do you mean "there are quite a
		03	few offices elsewhere"? Are you talking about the
		04	executives have offices other places or there are
		05	more offices in the building than just the
		06	executives or both?
83	062:08 - 062:10	062:08	A. Both.
		09	Q. Okay. What all do you understand to be in
		10	the administrative building?
84	062:12 - 062:23	062:12	A. The legal department you want me to
		13	name every department that comes to mind?
		14	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		15	A. The legal department, HR department,
		16	purchasing department, of course the mail room is
		17	there, finance, FTZ which is like an entity of
		18	purchasing, safety department, general affairs
		19	department, IT department, PR which is now a part
		20	of general affairs.
		21	There's a bank. Guardian Credit Union is
		22	there. They have a cafeteria there. I believe
		23	there's a quality department there. Team
85	063:01 - 063:04	063:01	relations department. That's all the ones that
		02	come to mind right now.
		03	Q. You mentioned there was a legal department
		04	in the building.

86	063:13 - 063:23	063:13	Q. All right. In Exhibit 20 we see that it
		14	says the mail room is staffed with two employees
		15	Monday through Friday and is open from 7:30 a.m.
		16	to 5:00 p.m. daily.
		17	Who set those hours?
		18	A. I changed the hours; and, of course, HMMA
		19	concurred with me. Initially it was 8:00 till
		20	4:45 p.m. I made adjustments as needs changed.
		21	Q. Did you have to get that adjustment
		22	approved by HMMA?
		23	A. I did speak to them about it.
87	064:02 - 064:23	064:02	Q. And why did you speak to HMMA about it?
İ		03	A. To let them know that I received
İ		04	complaints from team members that when they needed
		05	to send packages or mail, the mail room was
		06	closed. And, like I said, as HMMA grew and things
		07	changed, we needed the mail room to be opened.
İ		08	And I spoke to them about it to make sure they
İ		09	were in "agreeance" in it.
İ		10	Q. What does the mail room do? I know the
		11	name makes it sound obvious, but I don't want to
		12	jump to conclusions.
İ		13	A. So they receive mail. They receive
İ		14	packages. They process mail and packages. They
İ		15	deliver mail. They deliver mail offsite to be
		16	to the post office to be sent. Every now and
		17	again, they may have to take something to one of
		18	the local courier offices if a package that needed
		19	to go out was not picked up right away from one of
		20	the couriers. They reconcile shipping invoices.
		21	They do filing. And every now and again, they may
		22	be tasked with making bulk copies for an HMMA
		23	department.
88	065:01 - 065:20	065:01	Q. All right. When we go through Exhibit 9,
		02	under duties and responsibilities, it says one of
		03	the duties is to sort, deliver, and/or pick up
		04	interdepartmental and other mail within the
		05	facility.
		06	What does "interdepartmental" mean?
		07	A. You're going from office to office, and
		08	not every office but certain offices, to pick up
		09	mail.

		10	Q. But those would be HMMA offices?
		11	A. Yes.
		12	Q. Okay. And we see one of the other duties
		13	is assist employees with completing the required
		14	forms and arrange, coordinate package pick up with
		15	UPS, FedEx, and DHL services.
		16	What employees is this referencing?
		17	A. HMMA employees.
		18	Q. All right. And the last entry here says
		19	other duties as required by HMMA general affairs
		20	department.
89	066:01 - 066:06	066:01	Q. Why is that included in Plaintiff's
		02	Exhibit 9 or 20?
		03	A. Because they may be tasked with other
		04	duties.
		05	Q. And what does HMMA general affairs
		06	department do?
90	066:09 - 066:11	066:09	Q. That's kind of more of my question is:
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		11	to assign other duties as required?
91	066:13 - 066:16	066:13	A. Because the general affairs department is
31	000113 000110	14	the department that HEA supports.
		15	Q. Okay. So HEA is working for the general
		16	affairs department at HMMA?
92	066:19 - 066:23	066:19	A. We work with that department.
92	066:19 - 066:23	20	Q. You used the word you said, "This is
		20	the department we support."
		22	A. Right.
		23	Q. What did you mean by "support"?
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93	067:01 - 067:13	067:01	A. So the security contract and the
		02	janitorial contracts fall up under that
		03	department.
		04	Q. And that department is chosen to contract
		05	with HEA to make sure it has general or so it
		06	has janitorial services and security services on
		07	its property; correct?
		08	A. Yes.
		09	Q. And would it be fair to say, then, that
		10	the general affairs department has oversight over
		11	the work HEA has performed on the site? In other
		12	words, general affairs is making sure that HEA is

		13	delivering what it's contracted for?
94	067:15 - 067:15	067:15	A. Yes.
95	068:07 - 068:19	068:07	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) What was the uniform
		08	that Ms. Key was supposed to wear when she was on
		09	HEA's property?
		10	A. That she would have worn?
		11	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		12	A. It would have been a shirt with "Hyundai
		13	Alabama" on it, just like the shirts that are sold
		14	in the gift shop.
		15	Q. All right. And whose gift shop are the
		16	shirts sold in?
		17	A. HMMA's gift shop.
		18	Q. Who made the decision that that was what
		19	Ms. Key was to wear?
96	068:21 - 068:23	068:21	A. HMMA general affairs authorized it.
		22	Q. Okay. When you say they "authorized it,"
		23	what do you mean?
97	069:01 - 069:01	069:01	A. They made the selection.
98	069:07 - 069:14	069:07	Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked
		08	as Exhibit 64, which is HEA 205.
		09	Does this photograph represent the shirt
		10	that Ms. Key would have been required to wear?
		11	A. Yes.
		12	Q. When we see on the shirt where it says
		13	"Hyundai Alabama," what does Hyundai Alabama refer
		14	to.
99	069:17 - 069:18	069:17	A. Hyundai Alabama.
		18	Q. What is Hyundai Alabama?
100	069:20 - 069:23	069:20	A. So this particular shirt, like I said, you
		21	can purchase out of the gift shop, so Hyundai
		22	Alabama would be HMMA.
		23	Q. And I notice today you're wearing a shirt
101	070:01 - 070:10	070:01	that's a little different. Yours is a black shirt
		02	with embroidery that says "Hyundai Engineering"
		03	I can't read all of it, and I don't want to be
		04	staring too much at your shirt.
		05	But your shirt is badged with Hyundai
		06	Engineering America, Inc.?
		07	A. Yes.

		08	Q. Why would Ms. Key be wearing a shirt
		09	that's Hyundai Alabama versus a shirt like the one
		10	that you're wearing that says Hyundai Engineering?
102	070:12 - 070:15	070:12	A. She's not a Hyundai Engineering or was
		13	not a Hyundai Engineering employee.
		14	Q. Why would she wear any shirt that
		15	identifies her with the word "Hyundai"?
103	070:19 - 070:19	070:19	A. HMMA selected that shirt.
104	072:03 - 072:16	072:03	Q. Did you ever have the ability to recommend
		04	or request pay increases for anyone?
		05	A. Yes. Based on their bid.
		06	Q. Did you ever recommend specific pay
		07	increases for any employees of Dynamic Security?
		08	A. I believe so.
		09	Q. And why did you do that?
		10	A. Because I felt they were due and entitled
		11	to a raise based on their performance.
		12	Q. Was Latunya Howell one of the people you
		13	requested a raise for?
		14	A. I believe so.
		15	Q. And that would have been sometime in 2016?
		16	A. I don't remember when.
105	072:19 - 072:20	072:19	it first. This is Dynamic 289 through 293 that
		20	I'm marking as 65.
106	073:21 - 073:23	073:21	A. Okay. Yes, I did. December 2016.
		22	Q. All right. Do you know if that raise went
		23	into effect for Ms. Howell that you recommended?
107	074:01 - 074:02	074:01	A. According to the email, it went into
		02	effect on December 3.
108	075:06 - 075:23	075:06	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) What supervision, if
		07	any, did you have over Ms. Howell?
		08	A. No direct supervision. I just kept close
		09	eye on the mail room.
		10	Q. What did you do to keep a close eye on the
		11	mail room?
		12	A. Just to check to make sure they were doing
		13	what they were supposed to be doing. If I
		14	received a complaint from an HMMA manager or team
		15	member stating that they had issues with packages
İ		16	being delivered or sent out, I would go down and
		17	check. Every now and again, I had to go and fill
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		18	in the mail room myself if there was if they
		19	were short or no one in there at all.
		20	Q. Who provided supervision to the mail room?
		21	A. Direct supervision would have been the
		22	first shift security supervisor followed by Gloria
		23	Robinson or whomever the account manager for the
109	076:01 - 076:03	076:01	security company.
105	0,0101 0,0103	02	Q. Did you provide indirect supervision for
		03	the mail room?
110	076:06 - 076:06	076:06	A. As far as the duties, I did.
111	076:20 - 076:21	076:20	Did anyone at HMMA or HEA object to
		21	Ms. Key's appearance, her hairstyle?
112	077:01 - 077:01	077:01	A. Not that
113	077:07 - 077:12	077:07	A. Okay. After prior to her being hired?
		08	After she was hired? Which? Or both?
		09	Q. Any time. And I'll make the question
		10	broader.
		11	Are you aware of anyone, including
		12	yourself, who objected to Ms. Key's appearance?
114	077:14 - 077:19	077:14	A. On the date that Ms. Key interviewed, I
		15	saw her hair. On the date that she started, I saw
		16	her hair, and at that time I made an objection
		17	about her hair.
		18	Q. And so you made an objection after she had
		19	started?
115	077:22 - 077:23	077:22	A. Yes. Because on the date of the
		23	interview, an agreement was made how she would
116	078:01 - 078:23	078:01	wear her hair.
		02	Q. Were you present for Ms. Key's interview?
		03	A. I was not.
		04	Q. Who interviewed her?
		05	A. Gloria Robinson and Maurice Chambliss.
		06	Q. The day that Ms. Key interviewed, you said
		07	you saw her hair.
		08	How did you come to see her hair on the
		09	date of her interview?
		10	A. I was asked to come into the conference
		11	room where they were interviewing her.
		12	Q. Tell me about how that came to be.
		13	A. Gloria Robinson approached me at my desk
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		14	and stated that they were interviewing someone for
		15	the mail room, that the young lady had dreads in
		16	her hair. She mentioned that she said that she
		17	could style it in a way that would be, like, more
		18	presentable, and she asked me if I would come in
		19	to look at her hair and how she was going to style
		20	it.
		21	Q. So then what happened?
		22	A. I went in, I saw confirmed that, you
		23	know, she was wearing dreads. And she said that
117	079:01 - 079:20	079:01	she had a photo. I well, let me back up.
		02	I said, you know, "No, they're not
		03	permitted." And she said that "There's a way that
		04	I can style it." And she produced a photo on her
		05	phone.
		06	Q. What did her hair look like in the
		07	interview?
		08	A. All I can tell you it was in dreads.
		09	Q. Long dreads? Short dreads? Medium? How
		10	long were they?
		11	A. I believe they may have been shoulder
		12	length.
		13	Q. Okay. Were they thin? Thick?
		14	A. Thick? As
		15	Q. Well, I'm just trying to get an idea
İ		16	A. Okay. They weren't thick like Whoopi
		17	Goldberg dreads are but and I don't know how
		18	to as far as a size, I don't know what to say
		19	because I don't know. But I can just tell you
		20	they were in dreads. They were noticeable dreads.
118	080:07 - 080:10	080:07	Q. Because you said she showed you a picture
İ		08	that would be a lot more presentable.
		09	What, if anything, was unpresentable about
		10	her appearance in her interview?
119	080:12 - 080:12	080:12	A. Her hair was in dreads
120	080:14 - 080:14	080:14	A and they were a little
121	080:16 - 080:23	080:16	A frayed.
		17	Q. And what do you mean by "frayed"?
		18	A. Like, they weren't neat and so I don't
		19	know if you've seen dreads when they're first
		20	done, but it's like, I guess, braids. They're
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		21	pulled together and the ends and there's no
		22	wild hairs sticking out. So it was it was like
		23	that. So I could tell that she had had them for a
122	081:01 - 081:08	081:01	while. So they just didn't have that neat
		02	appearance like freshly done.
		03	Q. And the picture that she showed that you
		04	said was a lot more presentable, what did that
		05	look like?
		06	A. It was pulled back. And all I can tell
		07	you is I could no longer tell that they were
		08	that they were dreads.
123	081:18 - 081:23	081:18	Q. Why, for purposes of holding this job in
		19	the mail room, are dreads unacceptable?
		20	A. Dreads aren't accepted for mail room,
		21	security post, regardless.
		22	Q. And that's my question: Why?
		23	A. Although I know some dreads once and I
124	082:01 - 082:06	082:01	don't know how they're done, but some dreads
		02	they can be worn very neatly. But I know that
		03	some officers will not maintain their hair to keep
		04	that neat appearance. And just for appearance,
		05	professional grooming appearance, I wanted us to
		06	maintain the policy that no dreads are allowed.
125	082:11 - 082:12	082:11	Q. Why does the appearance of somebody in the
		12	mail room matter?
126	082:19 - 082:20	082:19	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) Are people in the mail
		20	room visible?
127	082:23 - 082:23	082:23	A. Yes.
128	083:01 - 083:04	083:01	Q. And because of the visibility of the
		02	people working in the mail room, is that part of
		03	why there are appearance or grooming standards
		04	applicable to them?
129	083:07 - 083:10	083:07	A. They're a part of the security force.
		08	Q. That wasn't my question.
		09	My question is: Because of their
		10	visibility, is that why their appearance matters?
130	083:16 - 083:20	083:16	A. My answer is going to be the same.
		17	Q. Is the security force visibile?
		18	A. Yes.
		19	Q. Why do you care what the security force
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		20	looks like?
131	083:23 - 083:23	083:23	A. Professional appearance.
132	084:01 - 084:09	084:01	Q. What happened after Ms. Key showed you the
		02	photograph in her interview of how she could style
		03	her dreads?
		04	A. She showed it to Gloria Robinson. I don't
		05	know if she had actually seen it prior to me and
İ		06	we were looking at it again. And I said, "Okay.
İ		07	That's fine" and walked out because the
		08	understanding was that's the way she would style
		09	her hair when she returned to work.
133	084:20 - 084:23	084:20	Q. Okay. Was Ms. Key visibility pregnant in
		21	her interview?
		22	A. I didn't look at her to say to notice
		23	either way.
134	085:14 - 085:16	085:14	Q. Where do you keep an office at the HMMA
		15	facility?
		16	A. In the security building.
135	087:02 - 087:07	087:02	Q. Okay. And is there a big word on the wall
		03	right when you come into the security building?
		04	A. Yes.
		05	Q. And what is that word?
		06	A. Hyundai.
		07	Q. And to whom does that word refer?
136	087:10 - 087:10	087:10	A. HMMA.
137	087:19 - 087:23	087:19	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) We are back from a
		20	break.
		21	Is there anything in your testimony up to
		22	this point that you would like to change or
		23	clarify?
138	088:01 - 088:23	088:01	A. There is.
İ		02	Q. Okay. What is that?
		03	A. So I incorrectly when you asked what
		04	was HEA's relationship to HMMA, I incorrectly
		05	stated subsidiary. And we're actually a
		06	contractor for HMMA. We just share the first part
		07	of their name.
		08	Q. When you said "subsidiary" before, what
		09	did you mean?
		10	A. (No response.)

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		11	Q. Let me rephrase.
		12	Why did you say "subsidiary" before?
		13	A. Just off the top of my head, that I
		14	didn't I couldn't think "contractor" at the
		15	time and I said "subsidiary." But all of our
		16	documents say "contractor," and I know that's
		17	exactly what we are, but I'm just just wasn't
		18	thinking.
		19	Q. And when you said earlier I think
		20	Mr. Miller had even asked you what you meant by
		21	"subsidiary," you said part of a company or a
		22	lesser part of a company, why, then, did you say
		23	that?
139	089:02 - 089:15	089:02	A. Because, again, goes back to one, I
		03	don't know the history of the company. Let me put
		04	it that way. I don't know the history of HEA
		05	versus HMMA. And, like I said, I was just trying
		06	to think what the relationship was, even though I
		07	know it's contract. And just to come up with a
		08	name, I said "subsidiary" right off the bat.
		09	Q. If there was not a contract in 2017, how
		10	could HEA be a contractor?
		11	A. We're going back to the scope of services
		12	where we've been asked to provide a service. The
		13	intent was there. It just was never accomplished
		14	at that during that year. Put it that way. Or
		15	during that period.
140	092:19 - 092:23	092:19	Q. In terms of the building where the mail
1.0	032.13	20	room is located, the administration building, do
		21	VIPs ever visit that building, like the mayor or
		22	the governor?
		23	A. All the time.
1/1	002:02 002:12	003.03	O You said "all the time"?
141	093:02 - 093:13	093:02	Q. You said "all the time"? A. Yes.
		04	Q. How about foreign officers? A. Yes.
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		06	Q. Is it important, then, that the appearance
		07	of people in the administration building promote
		08	the most professional appearance possible?
		09	A. It's important regardless of where they're
		10	posted.
		11	Q. But at least for people in the

		12	administration building, it's anticipated that
		13	they may cross the path of a VIP?
142	093:15 - 093:22	093:15	A. Yes. But they could cross the path at
		16	other locations as well because the VIPs will
		17	visit throughout the facility depending on, I
		18	quess, what their visit entails. But they just
		19	all the time are not just in the administrative
		20	building and don't go other places. They may take
		21	a tour. Depending on who the VIP is, they may end
		22	up at Gate 2 or even in the security building.
143	094:02 - 094:23	094:02	Q. Who made the decision that Ms. Key would
143	094.02 - 094.23	034.02	no longer be working on HMMA's property?
		04	A. I don't know who made the initial decision
		05	with Dynamic. I know I echoed the decision in an
		06	email well, also verbally to Gloria and sent an
		07	email after.
		08	Q. When you say "echo," that implies
		09	something that was said to you before. Tell me
		10	what happened.
		11	A. So her second day of work, the decision
		12	was made to reassign her, and I backed that up
		13	because I just was not pleased with what was going
		14	on with her at the time.
		15	Q. Who made the decision to reassign Ms. Key?
		16	A. I echoed the reassignment. I don't know
		17	whether their intentions were going to be reassign
		18	or terminate her. But the termination, that's on
		19	them. But I asked also that she be removed from
		20	site.
		21	Q. To whom did you ask that she be removed?
		22	A. I put it in an email. I also mentioned it
		23	to Gloria Robinson.
144	095:03 - 095:23	095:03	A. So Gloria Robinson and I had a
- · ·	033103 033123	04	conversation after at some point after Ms. Key
		05	left the office, and it was followed up by an
		06	email.
		07	Q. On Ms. Key's second day of work, August 1,
		08	did Latunya Howell tell you that Ms. Key felt you
		09	and Ms. Robinson were discriminating against her?
		10	A. Yes, she did make that statement.
		11	Q. Tell me about that.
		12	A. So I think, if I remember correctly,
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		13	Ms. Key had been in the office, and she went back
		14	to the mail room. Latunya Howell called my desk
		15	phone and told me that Ms. Key was asking her for
		16	an HMMA handbook, asking where she could get an
		17	HMMA handbook. She was talking about the I
		18	guess the hair policy, the appearance policy. And
		19	I guess at some point she mentioned she felt that
		20	she was discriminated against.
		21	Q. After Ms. Howell told you that, what, if
		22	anything, did you do?
		23	A. I told Ms. Howell that I was going to
145	096:01 - 096:10	096:01	notify Gloria Robinson and Lieutenant Maurice
		02	Chambliss, who was the first shift supervisor, to
		03	have her brought over and let Gloria address it.
		04	I mentioned it to Gloria, and I told her
		05	that basically what Ms. Thomas said, that she
		06	felt she was being discriminated against and she
		07	needed to get ahead of it.
		08	Q. Do you know why Latunya Howell came to you
		09	to tell you that Ms. Key was saying that she was
		10	feeling she had been discriminated against?
146	096:14 - 096:22	096:14	A. I can't answer why she came to me, no.
		15	Q. When you called Gloria Robinson, did she
		16	communicate in any way that she was already aware
		17	of Ms. Key's complaint?
		18	A. No. Because Gloria was sitting in the
		19	office at the time.
		20	Q. Do you know why Ms. Howell chose to come
		21	to you over Gloria Robinson?
		22	A. I don't know.
147	099:06 - 099:14	099:06	Q. Okay. The conversation that you mentioned
		07	that you had with Gloria Robinson about where it
		08	was determined that Ms. Key would need to be
		09	reassigned, was that before or after Ms. Howell
		10	let you know that Ms. Key had complained of
		11	discrimination?
		12	A. It was after.
		13	Q. How long did that conversation with
		14	Ms. Robinson last?
148	099:17 - 099:23	099:17	Q. Okay. Have you told me everything that
		18	you remember about that conversation?
		19	A. With Gloria?
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		20	Q. Yes.
		21	A. I basically discussed with her all of the
		22	issues that we had encountered since Ms. Key came
		23	in on the 31st. Just revisited those issues.
149	100:01 - 100:03	100:01	Q. All right. I'm going to show you what's
		02	been previously marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 41,
		03	which is Dynamic 85 through 87.
150	100:10 - 100:18	100:10	Q. Have you seen this email chain before?
		11	A. Yes.
		12	Q. I want to look at the email on the first
		13	page of the exhibit, which is on Bates number 85.
		14	It appears to be an email from you to Gloria
		15	Robinson dated Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 8:50 a.m.
		16	Is this the email that you referenced
		17	where you confirmed the conversation that you had
		18	with her about reassigning Ms. Key?
151	100:21 - 100:21	100:21	A. Yes.
152	101:01 - 101:16	101:01	Q. Who were you why were you sending this
İ		02	email?
		03	A. I was asked by someone to submit the
		04	email.
		05	Q. Do you remember who that was?
		06	A. I don't know exactly.
		07	Q. What was your intent in sending this email
		08	to Gloria Robinson, Ray Cureton, and Chris
		09	Hargrove?
		10	A. When Gloria and I discussed Ms. Key and,
		11	like I said, we echoed I echoed her decision to
		12	remove her from the site, I was asked to send an
		13	email to them, which is not something uncommon,
		14	that I had done in the past.
		15	Q. When did you first learn Ms. Key was
		16	pregnant?
153	102:01 - 102:23	102:01	Q. (BY MS. LEONARD) When did you first learn
		02	Ms. Key was pregnant?
		03	A. I believe the day before the 31st.
		04	Q. Okay. When you wrote in your email about
		05	Ms. Key "I foresee an issue down the road with
		06	this person," what issue did you foresee down the
		07	road?
		08	A. The compliance with her hair issue and

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		09	being able to be properly trained in the mail
		10	room.
		11	Q. What was the issue with training?
		12	A. She was being difficult.
		13	Q. What was she being difficult about? How
		14	was she being difficult?
		15	A. As reported to me, instead of cooperating,
		16	trying to learn what is being taught her, she was
		17	continuously questioning Ms. Howell about HMMA's
		18	handbook, speaking of her hair, and then also
		19	questioning her about why she had reported that
		20	she had mentioned that she was being discriminated
		21	against.
		22	Q. And what was the issue you foresaw down
		23	the road with compliance with her hair?
154	103:01 - 103:23	103:01	A. Well, she had not complained in the two or
		02	three weeks that following her interview, she
		03	did not comply was not in compliance when she
		04	arrived to work on the 31st and, of course, she
		05	was not in compliance on the 1st.
		06	Q. Weren't you willing to look past that?
		07	A. I was.
		08	Q. What made you not what made you stop
		09	being willing to look past that?
		10	A. Because I felt she had no intentions of
		11	changing her hair and also her just the way she
		12	was behaving well, I was told she was behaving
		13	in the mail room.
		14	Q. Who told you how she was behaving?
		15	A. Ms. Howell.
		16	Q. And what did she say that what did
		17	Ms. Howell tell you about the way she was behaving
		18	in the mail room that made you unwilling to look
		19	past?
		20	A. That she was not cooperating, not
		21	listening, not trying to listen or learn anything.
		22	And Ms. Howell stated that she was not going to
		23	train her.
155	104:01 - 104:23	104:01	Q. Why did you say that you felt Ms. Key had
		02	no intent on changing her hair? Did you ask her?
		03	A. No, I didn't ask her. But she had had
		04	every opportunity to change it.
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		05	Q. Do you know if she had an appointment that
		06	she had set coming up to have her hair styled?
		07	A. Do I personally know?
		08	Q. Yeah.
		09	A. No.
		10	Q. When you said "Rather than let it fester,
		11	I'm asking that she be moved to another site,"
		12	what other site were your referring to?
		13	A. I didn't have one in mind. I don't know
		14	all of their sites.
		15	Q. When we look at this, is your email
		16	address CWilliams@HMMAUSA.com?
		17	A. At the time it was.
		18	Q. Is that still your email address?
		19	A. There's some variations in it. It changed
		20	maybe about a month ago or less.
		21	Q. When we had Ms. Key's deposition, there
		22	was an email that was taped up on the door that
		23	looked like from you where you still using that
156	105:01 - 105:02	105:01	email address.
		02	What is your current email address?
157	105:09 - 105:11	105:09	A. Cassandra.Williams.CTR.HEA@HMMAUSA.com.
		10	Q. Why did your email address change?
		11	A. It was changed
158	105:13 - 105:20	105:13	A. I I don't know. I honestly don't know.
		14	It was changed by HMMA. All contractors that have
		15	an email address on site, their emails have
		16	changed are being changed.
		17	Q. But at least from 2010, when you started
		18	working for HEA, through sometime in July or
		19	August of 2022, your email address was
		20	CWilliams@HMMAUSA.com?
159	105:22 - 105:22	105:22	A. Correct.
160	106:11 - 106:13	106:11	Q. Do you know why you did not have an HEA
		12	email address but rather had an HMMAUSA.com email
		13	address?
161	106:16 - 106:23	106:16	A. I was not so when HEA, which was Amco
		17	at the time when they first started. I had an
		18	HMMA email address. When I started working for
		19	Amco, I was not assigned an H or Amco email
		20	address/HEA email address because I already had
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		21	one When I gay "had one " I meant I had an IMMA
		21	one. When I say "had one," I meant I had an HMMA
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		23	Q. Who set up your signature for your
162	107:01 - 107:23	107:01	HMMAUSA.com email address?
		02	A. I did.
		03	Q. If we look in that signature line, we see
		04	the "Team Built, Team Strong" logo.
		05	What does it say below that?
		06	A. My signature?
		07	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		08	A. "Cassandra Williams, manager of security
		09	services." Is that what you're referencing?
		10	Q. Next to that we see a logo that says "Team
		11	Built, Team Strong."
		12	A. Yes, I put that in there.
		13	Q. Okay.
		14	A. I mean, it was their logo, and I put it
		15	there.
		16	Q. And that's an HMMA-used logo; correct?
		17	A. It was at the time, team the team I
		18	mean not in 2010 it was not. But I think at
		19	some point I believe the "Team Built, Team Strong"
		20	came about.
		21	Q. But it says but the words below "Team
		22	Built, Team Strong" says "Hyundai Motor
		23	Manufacturing Alabama"?
163	108:07 - 108:11	108:07	Q. Do you remember where you got the "Team
		08	Built, Team Strong" logo?
		09	A. I'm pretty sure I got it off another
		10	email.
		11	Q. Is that something you got from HMMA?
164	108:13 - 108:14	108:13	A. It would have been off an email an HMMA
104	100.13 - 100.14	14	email.
165	108:19 - 108:23	108:19	Q. Okay. And in your signature line, we see
		20	below your name, it says "Manager of security
		21	services" and then it says "Hyundai Engineering
		22	America, Inc.," and then below that "Hyundai Motor
		23	Manufacturing Alabama LLC."
166	109:01 - 109:02	109:01	What do those words mean? Why are those
		02	companies in your signature line?
167	109:04 - 109:09	109:04	A. Well, of course, Hyundai Engineering
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		05	America, Inc., is my employer. Hyundai Motor
		06	Manufacturing Alabama is where my assignment is.
		07	Q. Why would you put the Hyundai Motor
		08	Manufacturing Alabama, LLC, in your signature
		09	line?
168	109:11 - 109:11	109:11	A. Because it's where my assignment is.
169	111:02 - 111:05	111:02	Q. Would you agree that using the logo in
		03	your signature line that says "Hyundai Motor
		04	Manufacturing of Alabama" could leave the
		05	impression that you worked for HMMA?
170	111:08 - 111:12	111:08	A. I can't speak to their state of mind.
		09	Q. Has anyone instructed you that you should
		10	remove the Hyundai logo or the HMMA logo or the
		11	word "Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC"
		12	from your signature line?
171	111:14 - 111:23	111:14	A. At that time or since?
		15	Q. Since.
		16	A. Yes. All contractors have been instructed
		17	to remove it.
		18	Q. And where did that instruction come from?
		19	A. My instruction came from general affairs.
		20	I don't know each department, whomever the
		21	contractor supported, it would come from them.
		22	But since I support general affairs, that's where
		23	my instruction came.
172	112:06 - 112:10	112:06	Q. Okay. After you sent the email on
		07	August 1, 2017, about Ms. Key saying that she is
		08	absolutely not going to work out, what happened
		09	next, if anything, as it relates to Ms. Key
		10	performing work at HMMA?
173	112:13 - 112:17	112:13	A. I was told by Gloria that she was being
		14	sent to the office.
		15	Q. When you say "sent to the office," do you
		16	mean the Dynamic office?
		17	A. Yes, Dynamic. Sorry.
174	117:18 - 117:21	117:18	Did anybody from Dynamic contact you in an
		19	effort to investigate Ms. Key's original complaint
		20	or formal complaint?
		21	A. No.
175	118:04 - 118:06	118:04	Q. Under the terms of any agreement between

	l	05	Dynamic and HEA, is that something Dynamic should
		06	have reported?
176 1	118:09 - 118:17	118:09	A. Should have reported to HEA?
		10	Q. Yes, ma'am.
		11	A. That they were following up on her
		12	complaint?
		13	Q. Correct. In other words, if Ms. Key is
		14	making a complaint that you and an HEA employee
		15	have done something that she felt was
		16	discriminatory, is that something Dynamic should
		17	have reported to HEA?
177 1	118:19 - 118:23	118:19	A. Since it involved me, I would say so.
		20	Q. Did you hear from anybody at HEA who might
		21	have been in a supervisory role over you that
		22	Ms. Key had filed a formal complaint of
		23	discrimination based on things you may have done?
178 1	119:03 - 119:08	119:03	A. So the complaint that I received from
		04	Chris Whitehead I forwarded to my supervisor in
		05	our California office.
		06	Q. What complaint did you get from Chris
		07	Whitehead?
		08	A. The EEO a copy of the EEOC.
179 1	119:10 - 119:10	119:10	THE WITNESS: The one against HMMA, yes.
180 1	135:16 - 135:18	135:16	Q. Okay. Are the uniforms for security in
		17	the mail room people different?
		18	A. They are.
181 1	151:17 - 151:18	151:17	Do you know when Gloria Robinson learned
		18	that Ms. Key was pregnant?
182 1	151:22 - 151:23	151:22	A. She told me she learned on the 31st.
		23	Q. Okay. At the time that Ms. Robinson
183 1	152:01 - 152:03	152:01	expressed to you on the 31st that she didn't think
		02	Ms. Key would work out, do you know if at that
		03	time Ms. Robinson knew Ms. Key was pregnant?
184	152:07 - 152:07	152:07	A. She did.
185 1	152:16 - 152:19	152:16	Q. Sure. Did Ms. Robinson express anything
		17	to you that led you to conclude Ms. Robinson was
		18	unhappy that Ms. Key had not disclosed her
		19	pregnancy prior to being hired?
186	152:23 - 152:23	152:23	A. Just her concern is all.

187	153:01 - 153:23	153:01	Q. And what was her concern?
		02	A. That she wasn't told, and she was
		03	concerned that whether she would be able to
		04	lift packages and deliver the mail in her stated
		05	condition.
		06	Q. Do you know if there have ever been
		07	pregnant employees who worked in the mail room?
		08	A. Prior or since?
		09	Q. Prior to Ms. Key.
		10	A. Not in with the security. And I can't say
		11	with 100 percent accuracy, but I so one of the
		12	team members HMMA team members that was
		13	assigned to the mail room I just can't remember
		14	whether she was pregnant during that time or after
		15	it got turned over to security.
		16	Q. Okay. Since Ms. Key, has there been
		17	anybody that was pregnant that's worked in the
		18	mail room?
		19	A. Yes.
		20	Q. And who employed them?
		21	A. IPSC for one young lady. And the current
		22	person let me see. The current person is
		23	employed with DSI, but I just I can't
188	154:01 - 154:04	154:01	remember I believe she was with well, I know
		02	for a fact she was IPSC when we learned she was
		03	pregnant. And then the contract was awarded to
		04	DSI, so, of course, she transferred over.
189	155:08 - 155:18	155:08	have been Plaintiff's Exhibit 69. It uses the
İ		09	word "employed." In paragraph one it says, "I am
İ		10	currently employed with Hyundai Engineering
		11	America. I was also employed with Hyundai
		12	Engineering America, Inc., in July and August of
		13	2017." In paragraph two it reads, "I am not now
		14	nor have I ever been employed by Hyundai Motor
		15	Manufacturing Alabama, LLC."
		16	What did you understand the word
		17	"employed" to mean as it was used in those two
		18	photographs?
190	155:20 - 155:22	155:20	A. A direct employee for HMMA.
		21	Q. And what does that mean to be a direct
		22	employee?
191	156:01 - 156:02	156:01	A. That I am their employee. They sign my

02 paycheck or pay me	. I receive benefits.
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